

Alabama – Coosa – Tallapoosa (ACT) River Basin Commission

Public Hearing Procedures

The following procedures will apply to the public hearing on June 10, 2003 in Montgomery, Alabama related to the review of the May 1, 2003 Draft Initial Water Allocation Formula for the ACT River Basin Compact.

1. The public hearing will last from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM (local time). The period from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm will be formally set aside for the receipt of public comments.
2. Anyone desiring to make a public comment is required to sign-in ahead of time and indicate a desire to make a public comment.
3. Anyone desiring to make a public comment shall specify the organization or organizations on whose behalf they are making the public comment.
4. An organization may designate no more than one spokesperson to speak on its behalf.
5. Each speaker will be allowed up to 10 minutes. If more speakers wish to speak than anticipated, the time per speaker will then be divided equally among the total number of speakers.
6. A laptop, video projector, and overhead projector will be available for use by the public in making comments. Staff personnel from either Alabama or Georgia will load and run any such presentations. Copies of any presentations will become property of the ACT River Basin Commission so they should be provided on suitable media (floppy disk, CD-ROM, or overhead transparencies).
7. The focus of the public hearing is designed to allow the ACT River Basin Commission to receive inputs and information from the public relating to the Draft Initial Water Allocation Formula. In order to maximize the opportunity for public input and comments, no time will be set aside to respond to questions as part of the public hearing.
8. Speakers may yield their allocated time to others in a manner consistent with these rules.
9. Written comments must be formally submitted in accordance with the ACT River Basin Compact, the ACT Commission Operating Guidelines and the Public Notice regarding this Draft Initial Water Allocation Formula. To summarize:

The public comment period began on May 5, 2003 and will continue until July 7, 2003. In order to be considered, comments must be hand delivered by 4:00 PM local time, or postmarked, no later than July 7, 2003. At least five (5) copies of any comments shall be submitted in writing to each of the state representatives below:

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